



July 2019

The RGS Mail

Dear Families, Students and Old Scholars

We were honoured to have Hector Duff come into school last week to formally open our Sixth Form extension now known as the “Hector Duff Study Centre”. This was a wonderful event attended by HE Lieutenant Governor, Sir Richard Gozney, President of Tynwald, Hon Steve Rodan, Director of Education, Geoff Moorcroft and many other invited guests and Sixth Form and Year 7 students. The event was also used to showcase the Sixth Form art and photography exam work for this year and to formally unveil the wonderful mosaic “Our Enchanted Isle”, created by our Year 7 students with artist Elaine Edge. We received much positive feedback from the event, including the following from Geoff Moorcroft, Director of Education

“The strong sense of community was evident as were the high expectations and broad curriculum. Well done for a lovely event!”

The following day we celebrated the partnership between public and private sectors in starting our “We are not going to Bottle It” campaign, when Lawrie Hooper MHK, Andy Bass and Kerry Waddington from Conister Bank met with RGS School Council. I was able to confirm that, thanks to the help of Conister Bank in providing all students and staff with refillable plastic flasks and the Government in committing to the installation of appropriate water filling stations, we will no longer be selling single use plastic bottled water in the school canteen from September. The school’s efforts to address environmental issues have been recognised by the School Farms Network, who gave us an award as finalists in the category of environmental impact, at their recent conference and awards presentation ceremony. We received the following message of congratulation from the Chief Minister, Hon Howard Quayle

“I am delighted to hear the news that the school has been recognised with an award for Environmental Impact by the School Farms Network. It’s always great to hear that one of our schools has excelled in competition with schools across the UK.

I am also glad to hear that the school has committed to ending the sale of plastic water bottles in the canteen and am pleased that we were able to assist with the installation of new water bottle refill stations.

The real praise, of course, once again goes to the students who had the initiative and determination to campaign for this. I was pleased to meet them in May and am pleased that they have now succeeded in their objective. I have no doubt that they will go far if they maintain this approach in life.”

I am extremely proud of everything the students of the school are achieving and have already accomplished by living the values of our Way of Being. Our new Year 6 students attend school this week in preparation for joining us in September. We hope that they will be inspired to do everything they can to make a positive difference in this world.

Thank you all for your ongoing support for the efforts of all of us on behalf of the students of RGS this year. I wish you all a pleasant and happy summer break and look forward to the new challenges of 2019/20 and to working with you all again in the new academic year.

Mrs A G Baker
Headteacher



Exam Certificates

Certificates for the 2018/19 year can be posted to you in November 2019 by signed postal delivery in a hard back A4 envelope.

See the exams office for details





GOOD LUCK TO OUR ISLAND GAMES STARS!

We are delighted and proud to have 6 of our students representing the Island at the forthcoming Island Games in Gibraltar.

Table Tennis

Kerenza Baker, Year 13

Swimming

Aimee Myers, Year 9

Athletics

Phoebe Coates, Year 12

James Margrave, Year 11

Judo

Magnus Black, Year 12

Gymnastics

Harry Eyres, Year 8

What a fantastic achievement! We wish all students the very best of luck and look forward to hearing all about their amazing experience!

Mosaic Art Installation

A huge, vibrant Mosaic produced by 147 students from Year 7 is now displayed in the newly named “Hector Duff Study Centre in the Sixth Form. The imaginative, vibrant piece was designed and created by the entirety of the year group, inspiring teamwork, creativity and curiosity in the students. Local artist, Elaine Edge, worked with students over 3 days, influencing and teaching them the ins and outs of working with tile and eventually forming a masterpiece.

The Mosaic (pictured below) is based on Manx Celtic myths, and contains Manannan and his cloak, the Fairy bridge, Raven, Cushag, Snaefell, and the Ramsey Grammar school emblem - ‘Nil Amanti Difficile’ meaning ‘Nothing is difficult to an enthusiast’. This theme directly required students to observe the world around them and to create discussion and curiosity between themselves, with the Isle of Man being the perfect place to allow them to do so

The activity allowed the students to use their creative skills, as they learnt how to work with the mosaic tiles: to cut, arrange and deal with colour in order to make the piece as imaginative and unique as possible, whilst also working together and having fun. The huge, eye-catching Mosaic piece will be a legacy for the students, and a colourful, vibrant representation of all the mysterious myths and legends that the island beholds.





Duke of Edinburgh's Award 2018-2019



It has been another busy year for the Duke of Edinburgh team at RGS, with students completing their awards at all levels and those commencing their journey on The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Scheme.

Since the presentation evening last September we have had a total of 33 completed awards, which is a great achievement. Congratulations to the following students.

Bronze

Honey Fulton
Arabella Ayen
Adan Shaw
Oliver Corrin
Will Clague
Martha Done
Abbie Callow
Evan Slaytor
Glenn Callow
Caitlin Skillan
Harry Grant
Teagan Otto
Gracie Knight
Millie Gale
Amelia Garrett
Ava Brown
Cliff Dunne
Abi Mellor
Jess Allanson
Kitty Treanor
Luke Lord
Owen Chestnut

Silver

Shannon Skillan
Harry Grant
Kiera Heavey
Benji Li
Cara Davies
Honey Fulton

Gold

Sam Bentham
Flynn Allinson
Shannon Roberts
Michael Simpson
Sam Hassall

Students who completed their Gold Award were invited to Buckingham Palace for a Gold Award Presentation day. To allow them to receive their award, there is also an upcoming ceremony taking place at Governor's House where HE Lieutenant Governor, Sir Richard Gozney will present the Gold Awards to those students who couldn't attend the presentation earlier in the year.

In addition to those completing their awards, we have had 50 students starting their journey on the Bronze Award, the 9 groups have all completed their expedition and we hope they will complete the award prior to the presentation evening planned for September. 27 students also progressed onto the Silver Award, they are working through the sections of the award and hope to complete it shortly.

Plans are already in place for another busy year from September 2019, and we hope to have many more completed awards and new members to this excellent scheme. Well done to all those students involved.

EASTER SKI TRIP 2020 FLYING FROM IOM TO AUSTRIA



Saturday 4th April -
Saturday 11th April 2020

Tirol Zugspitze Arena,
Austria

See Mr Lillie for a letter

Trip Inclusions

- > Return flights from the Isle of Man
- > 7 nights Half Board accommodation
(lunch to be bought)
 - > 6 day lift pass
 - > 6 day x 4 hrs ski lessons
 - > 6 day ski & boot hire
 - > 6 day helmet hire
 - > Evening activities
- > Comprehensive ski travel insurance
- > Bag carriage

Cost
£999

Deposit
£249

Subsequent payments

- July 19th - £125
- September 27th - £125
- October 25th - £125
- November 29th - £125
- December 20th - £125
- January 27th - £125

Held at
2018 & 2019
prices

Ramsey Grammar School Association



100 Club

April 2019

1 st - £39.25 Mr & Mrs DJ & JM Trace	1
2 nd - £23.55 Mrs G Russel	72
3 rd - £15.70 Ms J Carter 7 Callo	180

May 2019

1 st - £38.50 Miss Dawn Corlett	91
2 nd - £23.10 Mr DP Bergin	165
3 rd - £15.40 Mr & Mrs NP&DA Stafford	5